

HOUSE BILL 1440

By Dunn

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-934, relative to HOPE scholarships for dependent children of full-time religious workers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-934(a), is amended by deleting subdivision (1) and by substituting instead the following:

(1) Graduate from a high school in the foreign nation where the student's parent is a religious worker and, if the high school is:

(A) Accredited by a regional accrediting association, meet the academic eligibility requirements of § 49-4-907(3); or

(B) Not accredited by a regional accrediting association, meet the academic eligibility requirements of § 49-4-908(2)(A);

SECTION 2. A student may apply for the retroactive award of a Tennessee HOPE scholarship for any semester of the 2005-2006 or 2006-2007 academic years in which the student would have qualified for a scholarship under the provisions of Chapter 974 of the Public Acts of 2006 as amended by this act, had the provisions of this act been in effect during those academic years. TSAC may award the scholarship retroactively for those academic years to any student who would have qualified for the scholarship had the provisions of this act been in effect.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.